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## POLAND: Warning Against Resistance

*The regime has warned it will retaliate against increased resistance. Government pressure on private farmers to sell livestock to the state is likely to intensify because of reduced livestock numbers in the socialized sector.* [redacted]

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A government press spokesman yesterday explicitly warned that increased resistance to martial law would lead to greater repression. He condemned the widespread use of the "sinister" slogan "the winter is yours, but the spring will be ours" as the battle cry of those who are ready to "slaughter" Poland. [redacted]

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Comment: Media reports of a widespread police sweep last week, criticism of the Church, and this latest warning are aimed at reinforcing the impression that the regime will use whatever force is necessary to maintain its control. At a minimum, the government does not want the expectation of greater resistance in the spring to become a self-fulfilling prophesy. [redacted]

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Warsaw announced this week that the number of privately owned livestock at the end of 1981 was higher than in December 1980. Private holdings of cattle and pigs increased by 7.3 percent and 10 percent, respectively. The socialized sector, meanwhile, had reduced its cattle herds by 14 percent and hogs by 18 percent. [redacted]

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The refusal of many farmers to sell livestock to the state in 1981 forced state farms to draw down their holdings to help meet the regime's rationing commitment. State herds are now at their lowest level in over five years. [redacted]

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Comment: The government plans to keep meat imports to one-third of the level of last year and consequently will feel compelled to put increased pressure on private farmers to sell to the state to cover its meat rationing commitment. [redacted]

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JAPAN-US: Visit of Special Envoy

*//Prime Minister Suzuki's emissary--who visits the US next week--will be looking for signals on what specific trade issues Washington wants negotiated but will not announce any major initiatives.//*

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//The emissary, Masumi Esaki, will highlight recent actions to open the Japanese market by reducing tariffs and by eliminating nontariff barriers. His delegation, which is made up of political leaders who play a key role in determining industrial and agricultural policy, will at best pledge to trim a few more nontariff barriers on manufactured imports.//

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//Most Japanese officials have come to believe that the actions to date are not sufficient to solve the trade problems. Nonetheless, some believe that pressure from Washington will abate when the US economy picks up and argue that no radical change in Tokyo's policy is necessary.//

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Comment: //As a top-level political leader, Esaki could be influential in convincing Suzuki to lower more barriers to manufactured imports and to eliminate agricultural quotas. Without strong leadership by Suzuki, however, government officials with close ties to industry and Liberal Democratic Party members in the Diet from agricultural districts will be able to stall.//

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SYRIA: Resistance in Hamah Waning

Sporadic fighting continues in Hamah, but the US Embassy in Damascus reports that resistance apparently is weakening. Destruction on a large scale is reported in the old section of the city, and the government reportedly has brought in bulldozers to clear away debris and bury the dead. [REDACTED]

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Comment: //The widespread destruction attests to the strong measures employed by the regime in suppressing the uprising. Despite extensive resentment of the government's tactics, there are no indications that the disturbances have spread to other areas or that President Assad's control is threatened.// [REDACTED]

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SUDAN: IMF Approves Loan

The IMF on Thursday finally approved a \$220 million loan to Sudan after repeated delays resulting from Khartoum's difficulty in obtaining balance-of-payments support from donors. The IMF also had questioned Sudan's ability to meet rescheduled interest payments of \$106 million to major banks due in March. That barrier was removed when the banks agreed to accept partial payment next month and stretch out remaining payments. [redacted]

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Comment: Sudan's current financial difficulties will be eased by the loan. The loan agreement, however, requires Khartoum to take politically risky austerity measures in the months ahead or risk losing access to IMF funds. Without IMF support, Sudan would be faced with another financial crisis. [redacted]

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SOUTH AFRICA: More Labor Unrest Possible

The hospitalization on Tuesday of the leader of South Africa's most militant black union, who has been in detention since December, could result in new work stoppages and strikes. Following the death of an imprisoned white labor activist earlier this month, the hospitalization of six other detainees has become public. The black labor leader is president of a 20,000-member union that is particularly active among the highly politicized blacks of the eastern region of Cape Province. The union publicly supports South Africa's principal insurgent group, the African National Congress, and the government is planning to bring several union leaders to trial for terrorist-related offenses. [redacted]

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Comment: The trials may provoke even more serious labor unrest, and the ANC probably will plan terrorist incidents to protest the court proceedings. [redacted]

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## USSR - INDIAN OCEAN: Pushing for a Zone of Peace

The Soviets' chief negotiator at the US-Soviet talks on Indian Ocean arms control in 1977-78 recently visited India, Sri Lanka, and Indonesia, where he expressed the USSR's interest in a conference to discuss ways to create an Indian Ocean "zone of peace." [redacted]

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Comment: Moscow's interest in littoral country action dates back to its failure to secure a bilateral Indian Ocean arms control agreement with the US in 1978. The Soviet official's trip was prompted by signs that US opposition to such a conference had cooled some littoral countries' enthusiasm for holding an international conference in Colombo during the first half of 1983. The Soviets anticipate that the US will boycott the event and that this will enable them to score significant propaganda points and to increase opposition in littoral countries to the US military buildup in the region. [redacted]

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## VIETNAM: Speculation About Le Duan's Health

Diplomatic reports from Hanoi speculate that 75-year-old party leader Le Duan, who has not appeared in public since 22 December, is suffering from liver or kidney problems. He did not attend an important Central Committee meeting late last month that was to have decided who would be elected to the party's ruling bodies at the national party congress in March, the first since 1976. [redacted]

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Comment: If Le Duan is seriously ill, his economic and party reform programs and his pro-Soviet policy could be in for trouble. Since October, the programs have encountered stubborn resistance within the party at three Central Committee meetings. Le Duan's continued absence would impede preparations for the congress, which has already been postponed once. [redacted]

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FINLAND: New Government

Prime-Minister-designate Sorsa, a Social Democrat, presented his new majority coalition cabinet yesterday to President Koivisto. Although each coalition partner will retain the same number of ministerial portfolios, the Center Party of former President Kekkonen was forced by the threat of early elections to relinquish control of the Foreign Ministry to the smaller Swedish People's Party. [REDACTED]

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Comment: The outcome was almost certainly a disappointment to the Center Party and to the Communist electoral front. The Center Party had placed a high priority on retaining the Foreign Ministry which, with the change in the presidency, is likely to become considerably more important than in the past. The Communists had hoped to be better rewarded for having given Koivisto the margin of votes needed to secure a first-ballot victory in the electoral college. The new government probably will remain in power until the next regularly scheduled parliamentary election in March 1983. [REDACTED]

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